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COUNTRY NORTH VIETNAM/CHINA

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SUBJECT

COMMENTS ON DETERIORATING NORTH VIETNAMESE-CHINESE RELATIONS,

AND CLAIM THAT AMERICANS WILL CEASE BOMBING AND OFFENSIVE MILITARY ACTION IF HANOI AGREES TO SOUTH VIETNAMESE COALITION GOVERNMENT WHICH INCLUDES VIET CONG

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FIELD NO.

SOURCE

1.

THERE WERE RECENT HIGH-LEVEL

TALKS BETWEEN THE NORTH VIETNAMESE AND THE CHINESE. RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS ARE SAID TO BE RAPIDLY DETERIORATING. THE CHINESE OFFERED COMBAT TROOPS TO THE NORTH VIETNAMESE TO ENABLE THEM TO CONTINUE THE STRUGGLE, BUT THE NORTH VIETNAMESE REPORTEDLY REFUSED TO ACCEPT THEM. THE CHINESE CONTINUE TO REMAIN BITTERLY OPPOSED TO CONTINUATION OF THE PARIS TALKS WITH THE AMERICANS. FIGURES DIFFER, BUT A LARGE NUMBER OF CHINESE SAPPERS, BRIDGE AND ROAD SPECIALISTS, HAVE BEEN WITHDRAWN FROM NORTH VIETNAM.

2.

THE AMERICANS HAVE TOLD THE NORTH

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VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT THAT THEY WOULD STOP THE BOMBING ALTOGETHER AND TAKE NO
OFFENSIVE MILITARY ACTION ON THE GROUND IF HANOI WOULD AGREE TO A COALITION
GOVERNMENT IN SOUTH VIETNAM WHICH INCLUDED SOME VIET CONG REPRESENTATION.

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3. FIELD DISSEM. NONE.

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